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Applicants request a reconsideration of the present patent application in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 26-29 have been added, and claims 4-11, 13-18, 22, 24 and 25 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 26-29 are pending in the application.

The Examiner indicated in the Advisory Action that claims 26-28 were allowable but were not entered. In particular, claim 26 includes all the limitations of claims 6 and 7, claim 27 depends from claim 26 and includes the limitations of claim 8, and claim 28 depends from claim 27 and includes the limitations of claim 9. Since all of the rejected claims have been cancelled, Applicants request that the amendment adding claims 26-28 be entered.

Further, claim 5 was objected to in the Advisory Action as being defendant upon a rejected base claim. Therefore, claim 29 has been added and includes all of the limitations of cancelled claims 4 and 5.

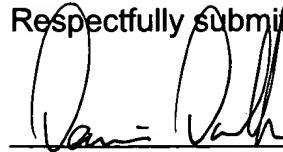
As such, Applicants submit that pending claims 26-29 are in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$110.00 fee for the one-month extension of time required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), and any

other fees that may have been overlooked, to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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